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Betsaida -- Here's another media request from a reporter with Truthout.org on Dimock with questions about the Cabot's letter. Please check out the questions and advise us on how to respond. Reporter's deadline is Friday morning. Thank you.

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From: Mike Ludwig <mike@truthout.org>
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Subject: Inquiry from Mike at Truthout

Roy, two things:

You may have seen Cabot's letter (attached as PDF) to Lisa Jackson claiming the EPA's decision to test water supplies in Dimock "undercut" President Obama's State of the Union commitment to natural gas development and accusing the EPA of lacking "objectivity." Can you respond to this complaint? Do you have any more information on why the EPA decided to sample in Dimock? In early December, a letter from Trish Taylor indicated a preliminary review of water quality at homes in Dimock showed there was no immediate health threat. Drillers declared the as letter proof the water was safe, but I'm assuming that because it was just a preliminary review some more information came up and prompted the testing. I'm happy to look at any data or documents used to make the decision. Thanks for your time.

Best,
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